



## National Marine Protected Areas Center Information Exchange for Marine Educators Archive of Conferences

### **American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, February 17-21, 2005, in Washington, DC, brings together the breadth of science, engineering and technology from the world's premier researchers. Education and outreach will be featured throughout the meeting.

[http://www.aaas.org/meetings/Annual\\_Meeting/02\\_PE/PE.shtml](http://www.aaas.org/meetings/Annual_Meeting/02_PE/PE.shtml)

### **American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting**

The AAAS annual meeting, *The Nexus—Where Science Meets Society*, will be held February 17-21, 2005, Washington, D.C. More than 15 theme tracks are listed on the website, including Teaching and Learning in Science.

[http://www.aaas.org/meetings/MPE\\_08\\_index\\_Prop.shtml](http://www.aaas.org/meetings/MPE_08_index_Prop.shtml) .

### **American Cetacean Society International Conference**

The American Cetacean Society announces their 9th international conference, *Learning From Whales: Education, Inspiration & Action*, November 11-14, 2004, Long Beach, California. Their focus this year is a central part of their mission to protect cetaceans—education—and how to use it to inform and inspire. Attendees will leave the conference armed with new information. Breakout groups for peer interaction will provide materials to be used when attendees return to their classrooms or boats.

<http://www.acsonline.org> .

### **The American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting**

The theme of the 134th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, August 22-26th, 2004, Madison, Wisconsin, is *The Gathering: Leopold's Legacy for Fisheries*. Gather on the Isthmus to learn how Leopold's legacy has influenced the conservation of our aquatic resources in the past and to plan how it may influence the future. Symposia include discussions about socio-economics and extension, history, stewardship, and science.

<http://www.afs2004madison.org/index.shtml> .

### **American Fisheries Society and Symposium**

The 135th American Fisheries Society's annual meeting will be held September 11-15, 2005 in Anchorage, Alaska. The theme is *Creating a Fisheries Mosaic: Connections Across Jurisdictions, Disciplines, and Cultures*. Posters are solicited for a symposium entitled "Partnerships for a Common Purpose: Cooperative Fisheries Research and Management."

<http://www.wdafs.org/Anchorage2005/index.htm>

[http://www.fisheries.org/apa\\_symposium05/](http://www.fisheries.org/apa_symposium05/)

### **American Society of Limnology and Oceanography – Education Session**

The American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO) 2004 summer meeting, June 13th - 18th, Savannah, Georgia, theme is *The Changing Landscapes of Oceans and Freshwaters*. The University of New Hampshire's Coastal Ocean Observation and Analysis Program and the Gulf of Maine Ocean Observing System (GoMOOS) will be co-hosting a special session titled, *The Educational Value of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems*.

<http://www.aslo.org/savannah2004> . [tom@gomoos.org](mailto:tom@gomoos.org) .

### **American Society of Limnology and Oceanography**

The annual meeting of the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO), Santiago de Compostela, Spain, June 19-24, 2005, will include a special session on ocean literacy (SS49: An Ocean Literacy Campaign). Abstract submission deadline is February 1, 2005. Presentations that focus on efforts to integrate K-12 teachers and students in scientific research, and those that identify new scientific discoveries and make this information available to teachers and classrooms, are encouraged.

<http://aslo.org/santiago2005/index.html>  
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### **The Aquatic Resources Education Association Conference**

The Aquatic Resources Education Association (AREA), September 18-22, 2004, Duck Key, Florida, fosters knowledge about fishery and aquatic resource educational programs and services. Association members are employed either by state or federal fish, wildlife and natural resource agencies, universities involved in resource education, the fishing tackle industry, and other partners. Information about the 2006 conference is also available for those who plan ahead.

<http://www.areanet.org/> .

### **Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education Conference - California**

The Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (AEOE) held its annual statewide conference, *California's People and Places*, April 15-17, 2005 in Petaluma, California to explore how California's diverse ecosystems shape its population and how its people shape the landscape. The conference will include over 60 workshops, keynote speakers, entertainment, and a job fair.

<http://www.aeoe.org/conference/spr05/>

### **Association for Environmental & Outdoor Education Annual Conference**

The Association for Environmental & Outdoor Education convened *Metamorphosis in Outdoor Education: The Change of Nature, The Nature of Change*, April 4-6, 2003, Pescadero, California. The 2004 meeting was *Teaching Outside the Lines*, April 30-May 2, 2004, Malibu, California.

<http://aeoe.org/conference/>

### **Association of Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean Scientific Meeting**

The scientific meeting of the Association of Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean will include poster and verbal presentations to promote the exchange of scientific and technical information concerning Caribbean marine sciences. Topic areas include coral reef ecology, Caribbean oceanography and coastal processes, public awareness and education, and more. The deadline for abstract submittal is April 1, 2005.

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### **Association of Partners for Public Lands Convention**

The Association of Partners for Public Lands convention, *Portland Pathways*, March 6-10, 2005 in Portland, Oregon, provides opportunities to network with public lands agency representatives, nonprofit organization staff, board members and other volunteers who are engaged in efforts to connect people with our nation's parks, open spaces, forests, lakes, refuges, cultural, and historic sites. The sessions include volunteerism; marketing on a low budget; and outreach programming to diverse audiences.

[http://www.appl.org/Training\\_Conventions/2005/2005%20Convention\\_Main.htm](http://www.appl.org/Training_Conventions/2005/2005%20Convention_Main.htm)

### **American Zoo and Aquarium Association Annual Conference**

The 2004 AZA Annual Conference, *What a Wonderful World: Our privilege to protect. Our legacy to preserve*, will be held September 18-23, 2004 in New Orleans, Louisiana, hosted by the Audubon Nature Institute.

<http://www.aza2004.com/> .

### **Best Education Practices for Water Outreach Professionals**

The Best Education Practices Symposium, June 2-4, 2004, Madison, Wisconsin, engages national extension water quality coordinators, outreach professionals, and key stakeholders in fine-tuning Water Outreach National Facilitation Project products. The symposium's goal is to assist natural resource professionals meet their water management education and outreach objectives. Sessions will provide a mix of speakers, interactive events, poster sessions, and networking opportunities.

<http://www.uwex.edu/erc/waterbeps/symposium.html> .

### **Challenges of Socioeconomic Research in Coastal Systems**

The Center for Natural Resource Economics and Policy hosts *The Challenges of Socioeconomic Research in Coastal Systems: Valuation, Analysis, and Policy Development*, May 27-28, 2004, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The conference focuses on opportunities and challenges of socioeconomic research in coastal systems emphasizes economic valuation and its use in developing coastal zone management policy.

<http://www.agecon.lsu.edu/CNREP/>

### **Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration Conference**

Restore America's Estuaries hosted *Saving Our Coastal Heritage*, April 13-16, 2003, Baltimore, Maryland. Incorporating the nonprofit, government, business and academic sectors, this gathering enabled networking and communication throughout the growing habitat restoration movement.

<http://www.estuaries.org/nationalconference.php>

### **Coastal Program Managers Annual Meeting**

#### **National Estuary Program 2004 National Meeting**

These two annual meetings were held March 8-11, 2004, in Washington, DC. The Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management hosts its annual meeting to provide a forum for the Nation's ocean and coastal program managers to meet with one another and to exchange information about important resource management issues.

<http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/pmm/> and  
<http://www.anep-usa.org/meetings/spring04/index.htm> .

### **The Coastal Society Conference**

The Coastal Society hosts its annual conference, *TCS19*, May 23-26, 2004, Newport, Rhode Island. The conference theme is *Measure for Measure: How Do We Gauge*

*Coastal Stewardship?* Focus areas are coastal governance, water quality, coastal land use, and habitat & ecosystem-based management.

<http://www.thecoastalsociety.org/conference/tcs19/index.html>

### **Coastal Zone '05, Call for Papers**

Coastal Zone 05, *Balancing on the Edge*, July 18-21, 2005, New Orleans, Louisiana, focuses on balancing the issues and interests of land and sea, including education and training. This conference provides valuable tools, lessons learned, and new ideas to help address coastal management issues, focusing on balancing the issues and interests of land and sea. Conference tracks include Coastal Ecosystem Health, Communities and Culture, Hazards, and Resource Management (including education and training).

<http://www.csc.noaa.gov/cz/> .

### **Coastal Zone '05 – Call for Abstracts**

Coastal Zone '05, *Balancing on the Edge*, will be held July 18-21, 2005, in New Orleans, Louisiana. For more information, check out <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/cz/> .

### **Coastal Zone Canada 2004**

The Coastal Zone Canada Association hosted the biennial CZC04 conference, *All Within One Ocean*, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, June 27-30, 2004. This conference addressed the challenges of effective coastal zone management at local, regional, national, and international levels, and presented leading-edge tools and techniques for today's coastal zone managers and researchers.

<http://www.czca-azcc.org/index2.htm> .

### **Congress on Caribbean Biodiversity**

The fifth Congress on Caribbean Biodiversity, January 25-28, 2005, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, will host specialists from numerous fields working towards the protection of biodiversity. Abstracts are requested on topics including biogeography, ecology, invasive species, environmental education, and more. The deadline for abstract submission (in English or Spanish) is November 15, 2004.

Contact Professor Carlos Ml. Rodriguez Peña, [carlos\\_riguez96@yahoo.com](mailto:carlos_riguez96@yahoo.com) .

### **Coral Reef Task Force Meeting**

The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force meeting, September 14-15, 2004, Miami Beach, Florida, met in conjunction with the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force. Corresponding September 11 and September 13 workshops included sustainable SCUBA diving and snorkeling, connecting coral reef science and management, methods for assessing and restoring damaged reef structures, and a teacher training for South Florida educators.

<http://www.coralreef.gov>.

### **Digital Library for Earth System Education Annual Meeting**

Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the theme for this year's annual meeting of the Digital Library for Earth System Education, Madison, Wisconsin, July 11-13, 2004, is *DLESE: A Teaching and Learning Tool*. The DLESE is a free online resource designed to provide access to teaching resources about earth systems for a wide range of learners, and provide services to help users effectively create, use and evaluate digital learning resources.

<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/dlese/2004/> .

### **Earthwatch Institute Annual Conference - Massachusetts**

Join Earthwatch Institute on Saturday, November 5-6, 2004, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for their annual conference, "Making Connections: Women, Science, and Sustainability." You will have the chance to meet the scientists, connect with former expedition team members, and attend lectures and panel discussions on their key research and education initiatives. Check out the educator track for pre-conference workshops at the New England Aquarium.

<http://www.earthwatch.org/conference/index.html>

### **EECOM 2004 Conference - Canada**

The Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication (EECOM) Conference, *Developmental Education for a Sustainable Future*, August 19-22, 2004, Vancouver, British Columbia, weaves together themes relevant to environmental educators across the continent. The conference focused on emergent themes related to both the development of social and educational capacity, while allowing for the analysis of environmental and sustainability issues of critical importance to educators.

<http://www.educ.sfu.ca/eecom/about.html> .

### **EECOM 2005 Conference - Call for Presentations**

The Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication (EECOM) 2005 Conference will host *Creating Ripples - Education, Environment & Culture*, September 30-October 2, 2005 in Huntsville, Ontario. The call for presentations seeks abstracts on research, theory, and practice in the six strands: community engagement; critical reflection; ethics; global education; leadership; and outdoor experiences.

[http://www.eecom.org/ripples2005/ripples\\_call.htm](http://www.eecom.org/ripples2005/ripples_call.htm)

### **EPA's 2004 Community Involvement Conference**

EPA's Office of Water hosts the 2004 Community Involvement Conference, Denver, Colorado, June 15-18, 2004. This annual conference will explore experiences and opportunities for "going the extra mile in meeting community needs." It serves as a venue for transferring lessons learned and for setting and monitoring standards related to public participation, outreach, education and communication across the agency.

[www.epancic.org/2004](http://www.epancic.org/2004)

### **Excellence in Science, Technology, and Math Education Week and Science Education Summit**

The *Science Education Summit*, March 16, 2004, is part of the Excellence in Science, Technology, and Math Education (ESTME) Week, a nationwide celebration of math and science education taking place March 15–20, 2004. The Summit will kick off the science portion of the Department of Education's Mathematics and Science Initiative.

<http://ostp.gov/html/estme/index.html> , <http://www.estme.org/> and [http://science.nsta.org/nstaexpress/nstaexpress\\_2004\\_01\\_05\\_summit.htm](http://science.nsta.org/nstaexpress/nstaexpress_2004_01_05_summit.htm) .

### **Exploring Our Great Lakes Maritime Heritage**

The Center for Great Lakes Culture hosted its annual meeting, *Exploring our Great Lakes Maritime Heritage*, September 19-21, 2003, Cleveland, Ohio. The theme was Preserving Great Lakes Maritime Culture: Its Stories, Buildings, Boats and Meanings. A panel explored challenges and successes of preserving Great Lakes maritime resources and culture and a workshop discussed educational curriculum.

<http://www.greatlakes.msu.edu/meeting2003.php>

### **Free-Choice Learning and the Environment**

"Free-Choice Learning and the Environment: A Learning Innovation Initiative" is being organized by the Institute for Learning Innovation. This national conference, to be held at the National Conservation Training Center on June 1-2, 2005, will gather free-choice environmental learning educators, researchers, environmental policy makers, and funders to develop frameworks for improving the practice, evaluation, and future research efforts of the free-choice learning environmental education community.

[http://www.ilinet.org/freechoice\\_conference.htm](http://www.ilinet.org/freechoice_conference.htm)

### **Freshwater Symposium and Call for Posters**

The American Museum of Natural History will host the symposium, *New Currents in Conserving Freshwater Systems*, April 7 and 8, 2005 in New York City, New York, for scientists and conservation practitioners to highlight recent successful initiatives in freshwater conservation, discuss cutting-edge ideas and tools, and investigate how and where these innovations might be implemented on the ground. Topics include stakeholder education and engagement.

<http://cbc.amnh.org/symposia/freshwater/>

### **Geological Society of America Annual Meeting**

The 2004 Annual Meeting, November 7-10, 2004, Denver, Colorado, presents *Geoscience in a Changing World*. The annual meeting is the principal forum for presentation and discussion of the latest ideas in geoscience education, and this year will feature more than 25 sessions on education-related topics, along with watershed and marine geoscience.

<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2004/geninfo.htm> .

### **Global H2O Partnership Conference**

The Global H2O Partnership Conference, May 11-14, 2004, Cairns, Australia convened to further the environmental, economic and social importance of oceans, coasts, and islands, and to facilitate the realization of the Montreal commitment by governments to mitigate water pollution and resource degradation from the *Hilltops to the Oceans*.

<http://www.hilltops2oceans.org/> .

### **Global Warming International Conference**

The 16th Global Warming International Conference will be held April 19-21, 2005, New York City, New York. Sessions include global warming science and policy; extreme events and impacts assessment; global warming and the oceans; water resources management; Education: Global change and sustainable development; and more.

<http://www.globalwarming.net/gw16-announcement.asp> .

### **Great Lakes Mollusk Watcher's Conference**

Great Lakes Mollusk Watchers, a proposed new citizen-science project focusing on native mollusks of Lake Michigan, held a conference, February 9-10, 2004, Porter, Indiana, to explore the existing knowledge of Great Lakes mollusks, their role in the ecosystem of the Lakes, the research needs that exist and how a citizen-science project can meet some of those needs.

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### **Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute Annual Meeting**

The meeting will be held in St. Petersburg, Florida, November 8-12, 2004. There will be sessions focusing on Socio-economics and Management, Marine Protected Areas, Habitat in the Marine Environment, and Marine Science Education.

<http://www.gcfi.org/Conferences/57th/StPete2004.htm> .

### **International Aquarium Congress**

The Monterey Bay Aquarium hosts *The 6th International Aquarium Congress*, December 5-10, 2004, Monterey, California. The theme, Making Connections, Inspiring Conservation, envisions us working together to seek effective strategies to protect our oceans and advance conservation. The program includes a series of workshops that aim to draw participants together in meaningful discussion about the future of our oceans.

<http://www.iac2004.org/>

### **International Children's Conference on the Environment**

The 2004 Tunza International Children's Conference on the Environment, July 19-23, 2004, New London, Connecticut, will convene six hundred international students aged 10-13 to explore topics on the themes of *Oceans, Rivers, and Waterways, Extinction and Biodiversity, Indigenous People's Environmental Ways*, and *Energy—Save It, Renew It, Recycle It*.

<http://www.icc04.org/commonpage.html> .

### **International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species**

The Institute of Technology, Sligo, is the host sponsor of the 13th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species, Ennis, County Clare, Ireland, September 20-24, 2004. This international forum will review accumulated scientific knowledge on the impacts of aquatic invasive species, introduce new technologies or advancements in control and mitigation, discuss policy, legislation, and approaches to effective public education and outreach initiatives to prevent new introductions.

[http://www.aquatic-invasive-species-conference.org/conference\\_home.htm](http://www.aquatic-invasive-species-conference.org/conference_home.htm) .

### **International Conference on Education and Information Systems**

The 3rd International Conference on Education and Information Systems: *Technologies and Applications, EISTA 2005*, will be held July 14-17, 2005 in Orlando, Florida. The conference will provide a forum for the presentation of both solutions and problems of the application of information communication technologies in education and training. Practitioners and consultants are invited to present case study papers and innovative solutions.

<http://www.confinf.org/eista05/website/default.asp>

### **International Conference on Volunteer Administration**

The Association for Volunteer Administration will host the International Conference on Volunteer Administration, *Journey of Discovery: Charting Your Course*, October 20-23, 2004, Portland, Oregon.

<http://www.avaintl.org/education/conference.html> .

### **International Coral Reef Symposium**

At the 10th International Coral Reef Symposium, June 28 - July 2, 2004, Okinawa, Japan, Mark Heckman of the University of Hawai'i, Manoa will host a mini-symposium, *Fostering Positive Change for Coral Reefs - Education Resources*. It will provide a forum

for groups to give short descriptions of resources available to the broader international community, and the extent to which these can be altered to fit local needs.

[mheckman@waquarium.org](mailto:mheckman@waquarium.org)

<http://www2.ims-plaza.co.jp/icrs2004/>

### **International Marine Protected Areas Congress**

The First International Marine Protected Areas Congress will be held in Geelong, Australia, October 23-27, 2005. This global conference will address the World Commission on Protected Areas' Marine goal and primary themes, and will progress discussion on their widespread adoption and implementation consistent with resolutions relevant to marine protected areas arising from the Durban World Parks Congress.

<http://www.impacongress.org/> .

### **International Fisheries Observer Conference**

The 4<sup>th</sup> International Fisheries Observer Conference, November 8-11, 2004, Sydney, Australia, will bring together representation from the international fisheries and observer communities to address key fisheries observer issues. Submissions of observer program overviews (even from non-attendees) are due by July 2, 2004. They will be included as a special output entitled *Overviews of Fisheries Observer Programs throughout the World*, provided to all delegates at the conference.

<http://www.fisheriesobserverconference.com> .

### **Invasive Plants in Natural and Managed Systems Conference**

The Invasive Plants in Natural and Managed Systems Conference, November 3-7, 2003, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, promotes scientific exchange among invasive plant researchers, provides interchange between scientists, managers, and volunteers for efficient invasive plant management, and fosters interdisciplinary cooperation on the science and management of invasive plants.

<http://www.esa.org/ipinams-emapi7/>

### **League of Environmental Educators in Florida Annual Conference**

This conference brings together environmental and science educators as well as art, music, and literature educators. This year's theme is "Earth Harmony, in Tune with Nature." The "three paths" of educational opportunities include teachers and interpreters; researchers and members of the scientific community; and creative artists.

<http://leeflet.brinkster.net>

### **Littoral 2004: Delivering Sustainable Coasts**

The seventh international conference put on by EUROCOAST and EUCC—The Coastal Union will be held in Aberdeen, Scotland, September 20-22, 2004. Education and Training is a conference sub-theme.

<http://www.littoral2004.org> .

### **Marine Pavilion and Town Hall Meeting at the AAAS Annual Meeting**

The American Association for the Advancement of Science's annual meeting, February 12-16, 2004, Seattle, Washington, emphasized the marine theme. The Marine Pavilion in the exhibit hall featured a group of marine exhibitors in one area to increase interest and exposure. In addition, they held a town hall meeting, *Oceans for Everyone*, on marine science issues that affect the Pacific Northwest and the nation on February 15, 2004.

<http://www.aaas.org/meetings/> .



### **Monitoring Science and Technology Symposium**

The Monitoring Science and Technology Symposium, September 20-24, 2004, Denver, Colorado, has a central theme of *Unifying Knowledge for Sustainability in the Western Hemisphere*. Participants address critical needs for unified information and knowledge, how this information is obtained to support monitoring for ecosystem sustainability, and how to make monitoring of ecosystem sustainability effective and efficient.

<http://www.monitoringsymposium.com/sub1-a-philosophy.cfm> .

### **Mote International Symposium in Fisheries Ecology**

*The Good, The Bad and The Ugly: Integrating Marine and Human Ecology in Managing Fisheries*, Sarasota Florida, November 9-11, 2004, is the fifth annual Florida State University Mote International Symposium in Fisheries Ecology. This symposium will focus on contrasting the strategies and contexts associated with successful management versus those associated with management failures.

<http://www.bio.fsu.edu/mote/current.html> .

### **National Association for Interpretation**

NAI currently serves 4,500 members in the United States, Canada, and thirty other nations. The National Association of Interpreters hosted the 2003 National Interpreters Workshop, November 11-15, 2003, Reno/Sparks, Nevada. *Sparks Your Imagination!* The 2004 conference theme is *An Interpreter's Voyage*, to be held November 16-20, 2004, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

<http://www.interpnet.com/niw2003/>

### **National Association for Interpretation – Meetings, Conferences, and Workshops**

The National Association for Interpretation holds an annual National Interpreters Workshop each fall. The Association is divided into 10 geographical regions and the Workshop rotates from one region to another. Each region offers a spring regional workshop of two to four days in duration. These training and networking events place an emphasis on front-line interpretive training. A calendar of ancillary organization meetings, conferences, and workshops will be posted on the NAI website shortly.

[www.interpnet.com/interpnet/workshops.htm](http://www.interpnet.com/interpnet/workshops.htm)

### **National Marine Educators Association Annual Conference**

National Marine Educators Association (NMEA) 2004 Conference, July 18-22, 2004, St. Petersburg, Florida has a theme, *Bridge the Gulf: Marine Science in the Sunshine*, to highlight and build marine and aquatic science and education connections (bridges). They seek subjects and methods that are relevant to both formal and non-formal audiences; with hands-on presentations and usable take-home materials. The concurrent sessions are available on the website.

[http://www.floridamarine.org/education/category\\_main.asp?id=2088](http://www.floridamarine.org/education/category_main.asp?id=2088) .

<http://www.floridamarine.org/conference/> .

### **National Marine Educators Association 2005 Conference - Call for Papers**

The theme of the National Marine Educators Association annual 2005 meeting, Kahului, Maui, July 11-16, 2005, is *Nana I Ke Kumu, Nana I Ke Kai – Look to the Source, Look to the Sea*. The deadline for abstract submission is February 1, 2005.

[www.hawaii.edu/maui/oceania/NMEA05.html](http://www.hawaii.edu/maui/oceania/NMEA05.html) .

### **National Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee Meeting**

The Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee, managed jointly by the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior, held its third meeting April 6-8, 2004, Key Largo, Florida. Attendance was open to the public. Public comment periods were scheduled for April 6 and April 8. The Committee has formed subcommittees on the National System of MPAs, MPA Stewardship and Effectiveness, and National and Regional Coordination of MPA Efforts.

<http://mpa.gov/fac/fac.html> .

### **NSTA's Upcoming Conventions – Call for Proposals**

Proposals are currently being accepted for NSTA's conventions, which will be held in Hartford, Connecticut, October 20-22, Chicago, Illinois, November 10-12, and Nashville, Tennessee, December 1-3, 2005 and for the 2006 national convention in Anaheim, California, April 6-9, 2006. The deadlines for submission are January 15 and April 15, 2005.

<http://science.nsta.org/enewsletter/2004-09/www.pdf> .

### **National Science Teachers Association Conference**

The 2004 National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) conference, April 1-4, 2004, Atlanta, Georgia, focused on the following strands: Maintaining the Professional Edge, Science Beyond the Printed Word, Hooking Kids on Science, and Integrating Technology. The 2005 Convention is set for Dallas, TX, March 31 - April 3, 2005. The theme for the 53<sup>rd</sup> convention is *Deep in the Heart of Science*.

<http://www.nsta.org/sessions>

### **National Science Teachers Association Regional Conventions**

National Science Teachers Association's 2003 regional conventions was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota (October 30-November 1), Kansas City, Missouri (November 13-15), and Reno, Nevada (December 4-6). Information on the conventions, including details on registration and housing and a calendar of events, is posted.

<http://www.nsta.org/conventions>

### **NSTA 2004 Regional Conventions**

The upcoming regional National Science Teachers Association's conventions will be held:

- Midwest: Indianapolis, Indiana, November 4–6, 2004
- Northwest: Seattle, Washington, November 18-20, 2004
- Eastern: Richmond, Virginia, December 2-4, 2004

The conventions offer concurrent sessions, professional development certification, and short course options for in-depth exploration of specific topics. Early bird registration ends soon. For more information, check out <http://www.nsta.org/conventions> .

### **National Nonpoint Source Pollution Information & Education Programs Conference**

The National Nonpoint Source Pollution Information & Education Programs Conference was held October 20-23, 2003, Chicago, Illinois. The conference provided an opportunity to learn and share ideas on nonpoint source information and education strategies. Participants explored practical, state-of-the-art examples of successful outreach programs through multi-media sessions.

<http://www.chicagobotanic.org/research/conference/nonpoint/>

### **New Jersey Environmental Education Annual Conference**

The 20th annual New Jersey Environmental Education conference theme is *Diversity: The Nature of New Jersey*. The conference will be held January 6-8, 2005 in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. There will be concurrent sessions with hands-on workshops, panel discussions, field trips, lectures, and groups discussions to improve your environmental education programs.

<http://www.anjee.net/conference/index.html>

### **North American Association for Environmental Educators Annual Conference**

NAAEE hosted their annual conference, *Thinking Globally While Acting Culturally*, October 7-11, 2003, Anchorage, Alaska. Conference information, including a participants list, is posted on the website. Proceedings will be posted when complete. The 2004 Conference, November 6-10, 2004, Biloxi, Mississippi, will convene *Casting a Wide Net for Environmental Education*.

<http://www.naaee.org/conferences/> .

### **NAAEE 2004 Annual Conference, Call for Presentations**

The 2004 North American Association for Environmental Educators' conference, November 6-10, 2004, Biloxi, Mississippi, *Casting a Wide Net for Environmental Education*, seeks presentations that provide one or more of the following elements: insightful research findings, proven program models, skills development, and dialogue facilitation along seven strands.

<http://naaee.org/conferences/index.php> .

### **NAAEE Annual Conference – Call for Papers**

The North American Association for Environmental Education's 34th annual conference will be held October 25-29, 2005 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The conference theme is *Sustainability and EE: Focus on the Future*. The strands are environment, economy, society, global responsibility and perspectives, with a special focus on three audiences: Spanish-Language speakers, K-12 teachers, and environmental education research. Proposals are due March 22, 2005.

<http://naaee.org/conferences>

### **North American Interdisciplinary Conference on Environment and Community**

The fourteenth annual conference was held February 19-21, 2004, Saratoga Springs, New York. Topics addressed environmental issues under the broad conference theme of *Environment and Community*. Issues with wide-ranging North American importance were particularly apt, such as preservation, restoration, wilderness, endangered species, ecosystem management, history, and regulation.

<http://www.esc.edu/EnvironConf>

### **Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference**

The 60<sup>th</sup> annual Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference, April 25-28, 2004, Ocean City, Maryland addressed fish and wildlife management issues through the theme *Managing Resources for Competing Users*, with sessions scheduled for Engineering, Administration/Licensing, Conservation Law Enforcement, Fisheries, Wildlife, and Human Dimensions/Information and Education.

<http://northeastconference.fws.gov/index.html> .

### **Ocean Research Conference**

The Oceanography Society and the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography co-sponsored the inaugural *Ocean Research Conference*, February 15-20, 2004, Honolulu, Hawaii. The conference provided a forum for researchers to highlight recent advances emphasizing integration of aquatic sciences and ocean research, including engineering, industrial, public policy, and marine research.

<http://aslo.org/honolulu2004/>

### **Ocean Symposium 2005**

The Ocean Symposium, *Our Oceans, Our Future: Linking land, people, and seas*, will be held Tutuila Island, American Samoa, from May 24-26, 2005, culminating in an Ocean Fest on May 27, 2005 sponsored by Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The symposium strives to increase environment stewardship among the community and to foster partnership between national, regional, local and federal government as well as between agencies and non-governmental organizations.

<http://www.amsamoa.com/ocean.htm>

### **Oceans 2005 Conference**

The Marine Technology Society and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Oceanic Engineering Society present the 2005 Oceans Conference, *One Ocean*, September 19-23, 2005, in Washington, DC. This international professional meeting and exposition is devoted to the full spectrum of ocean sciences, technology, policy, engineering, and education. While past conventions have focused on technology, this year the focus includes education, policy, and exploration.

<http://www.oceans2005.org/>

### **Pacific Congress on Marine Science and Technology**

The 2004 biennial Pacific Congress on Marine Science and Technology, May 30–June 4, 2004, Honolulu, Hawaii, highlighted *New Technologies, New Opportunities*, bringing together scholars and resource personnel to address key issues concerning marine technology. A workshop on Education in Marine Science and Technology was cochaired by Shauna Oh of California Sea Grant and Sherwood Maynard of University of Hawai'i.

[www.hawaii.edu/pacon](http://www.hawaii.edu/pacon). [shaunaoh@ucsd.edu](mailto:shaunaoh@ucsd.edu) .

### **Partners in Stewardship Conference**

*Joint Ventures: Partners in Stewardship*, November 17-20, 2003, Los Angeles, CA, brought together land management agencies and their partners to focus on building tools and networks to strengthen partnership efforts, with approximately 300 presentations over 3 days. More than 1600 federal and nonfederal participants in natural resources management and education attended.

<http://www.partnerships2003.org/about.htm>

### **Restore America's Estuaries 2004 Conference**

Restore America's Estuaries hosts the Second National Conference on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration, Seattle, WA, September 12-15, 2004, to advance the knowledge, pace, practice and success of coastal and estuarine habitat restoration.

<http://www.estuaries.org/2ndnationalconference.php>

**Seafood Summit**

The Seafood Choices Alliance, co-hosted by Shedd Aquarium, hosts its annual Seafood Summit, Chicago, Illinois, October 26-28, 2004, to bring together key players in the sustainable seafood movement for informal discussions, information sharing, and strategic planning.

[www.seafoodchoices.com/summit](http://www.seafoodchoices.com/summit) .

**Society for Ecological Restoration International: Call for Proposals**

SER 2004 will convene *Restoration on the Edge*, August 25-27, 2004, Victoria, British Columbia, and invites proposals for papers, posters, and presentations in other media including electronic media, visual and installation art, and performance, to be presented during the conference.

<http://www.ser.org> .

**State of the Bay Conference - California**

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission held its State of the Bay Conference on January 13, 2005 in Los Angeles, California. This conference examined progress made and challenges still ahead for the restoration of the Santa Monica Bay and its resources. Topics covered included stormwater management, habitat restoration, education and outreach, public health protection and science and technology.

<http://www.santamonibay.org>

**Sustainable Beaches Summit**

The Clean Beaches Council hosted the first annual *Sustainable Beaches Summit*, March 29-31, 2004, Sandestin, Florida, to bring together coastal educators and beach professionals from federal agencies, state and local governments, non-governmental organizations, academia, and industry. The Summit focused on beach and natural resource management, coastal tourism and development, recreation, and conservation.

<http://www.cleanbeaches.org/sustainable/default.cfm>.

**Treasures of NOAA's Ark - Maryland**

Discover the Treasures of NOAA's Ark at the First Annual NOAA Heritage Week, February 7-11, 2005, Silver Spring, Maryland. Conservators will be on hand to offer tips about caring for precious personal treasures and heirlooms, from old family photos to quilts, clothing, and other fabric items. Special presentations will include National Weather Service forecast office operations and the evolution of survey technology over time.

<http://preserveamerica.noaa.gov/heritageweek.html>

**Urban Ecotourism Conference - Online**

This on-line conference, September 20-30, 2004, reviewed urban conservation and environmental education and alternatives to urban sprawl. It looked at the role cities play as gateway communities to parks and protected areas and review how urban tourism can contribute to conservation. Participants brainstormed alternatives to urban sprawl and examine how urban tourism can be more ecological and share lessons learned – what to repeat and what to avoid.

<http://www.planeta.com/ecotravel/tour/urban.html> .

### **U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting Rescheduled**

The Coral Reef Task Force Meeting was rescheduled for December 2-3, 2004 in Miami, Florida. Public workshops will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2004 (Sustainable Diving and Snorkeling Practices) and Saturday, December 4 (Improving Science and Management of Florida Ecosystems, and Damage Assessment and Restoration Protocols for Coral Reef Habitats).

<http://www.ces.fau.edu/taskforce/> .

### **Waterbirds Around the World**

Organized by Wetlands International and co-chaired by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Waterbirds Around the World conference took place in Edinburgh, UK, April 3-8, 2004. The conference focused on all major themes and developments related to the global conservation of waterbird flyways during their full annual cycle: breeding areas, stop-over sites and wintering areas.

<http://www.wetlands.org/GFC/Default.htm>

### **Wetlands 2003**

The Association of State Wetland Managers in cooperation with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and other sponsors/cooperating parties hosted *Wetlands 2003: Landscape Scale Wetland Assessment and Management*, October 20-23, 2003, Nashua, New Hampshire. The conference focused on wetlands and landscape level assessment, as related to science, public policy, and legal issues.

<http://www.aswm.org/calendar/2003am/cover9.htm>

### **The White Water to Blue Water Partnership Conference**

White Water to Blue Water (WW2BW), a partnership to link freshwater and oceans, is designed to promote the practice of integrated watershed and marine ecosystem-based management in support of sustainable development. A small conference and training institute to facilitate partnerships, exchange best practices and encourage innovation convened March 21-27, 2004, Miami, Florida.

<http://www.international.noaa.gov/ww2bw/meetings.html>

### **Youth Groundwater Congress**

The Youth Groundwater Congress is a three-day national conference sponsored by The Groundwater Foundation, November 3-5, 2004, Washington, DC. Delegates will have the opportunity to learn more about groundwater, voice their concerns regarding water issues, and develop possible solutions. It will provide a venue for youth to network with each other and environmental professionals, and a chance for youth and adults to gain a better understanding of each other's viewpoints.

[http://www.groundwater.org/pe/youth\\_congress.html](http://www.groundwater.org/pe/youth_congress.html) .